Subject No. 336.

Supply of water in the Chik Devarayasagar Nala.

Mr. Timmannaiya of Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Chik Devarayasagar Nala is at present being kept open from the 10th June and closed after the 10th January every year. Many dry fields at the end of the nala have been converted into wet lands during the last 10 years. But some of these lands are not cultivated in time for want of the raiyat population, and if any lands are cultivated after the season the crops thereof can only be harvested at the end of January. There has been every year a deficit in the crops of such lands for want of water as the nala is closed in the beginning of January. The practice of supplying water to the lands up to 55th mile under the nala once a month during summer for preparing the lands and for raising Vaisakhi crop (Karpasal) is not now in existence. It would therefore be very convenient to the raiyats if the nala be ordered to be closed after the 10th February.

Reply of Government.—The matter may be represented to the Deputy Commissioner. He will also be asked to inspect the channel along with the Executive Engineer and report. The necessary action will then be taken.

Subject No. 337.

Repairs to channels be given on contract to leading raiyats of respective villages.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao of Gargeswari, T. Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is proposed that the Public Works Department may be asked to give the execution of annual repairs to channels on contract to the leading raiyats of the respective villages and make payments after satisfying about the repairs so executed by them.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 338.

Absolving the raiyats from their liability to the annual maintenance of tanks.

Mr. Rama Rao.
Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Contribution has been levied from the raiyats for the restoration of all the important tanks. It entails hardship on them to pay for the repairs done to such tanks from time to time. It is requested therefore that such subsequent repairs should be at the cost of Government.

Reply of Government.—This refers to certain contributions for Narasapura and other tanks in Kolar. The matter will be enquired into.

Subject No. 339.

Levy of an annual cess in lieu of the raiyats' liability to do annual repairs to minor tanks.

Mr. Gopalaiya, District Board Member.

Summary of discussion.—It is not possible for the raiyats to attend to the annual repairs of the minor tanks in time and to the satisfaction of the supervising officers. It would be very convenient to the raiyats to pay an annual cess in lieu of their liability to maintain the tanks. Orders to that effect are solicited.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

Subject No. 340.

Channel supervision by two Departments.

Mr. Kodandapani Chetty of Mysore Taluk.
Mr. Ankappa of the Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Much inconvenience is felt by the irregular supply of water in channels due to the non-execution of timely annual repairs owing to the dual control over the same by the Revenue and Public Works Departments in different seasons of the year.

It is requested that such control may be vested from the beginning to the end of the year, either solely in the Revenue or in the Public Works Department.

(*b*) Dual management of the nala repairs in the Seringapatam Taluk is to be remedied.

Reply of Government.—The question will again be investigated.

Subject No. 341.

Channel and water distribution work to be entrusted to the Revenue Department.

(a) Messrs. Guru Rao, Padmanna and Chandrasekharaiya of Nanjangud Tk.

(b) Mr. Lingegowda of the Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The Channel Department is under the control of the Revenue Department only during the cultivation season while at other seasons it is under the Public Works Department, causing much inconvenience to the public. It is therefore proposed that big works might be entrusted to the Public Works Department leaving the channel and the distribution of water-supply to be looked after solely by the Revenue authorities.

(*b*) The supervision and control of the repairs of such nalas be delegated to Amildars.

Mr. Annaiya Pandit.—"At each tract a committee of raiyats should be formed. Raiyats should be asked to remove silt simultaneously with removal of weeds. For the former they must be paid. This is better than getting work done by contractors having no local interest. Requirements of all tracts are not identical. D. P. W. and revenue authorities should co-operate. As matters stand work is done late and perfunctorily. Hot weather supply for sugar-cane must be specified. Revenue Officers must inspect whether repairs have been done or not before the 25th May."

Mr. A. Ramanna.—"Jareeb of work should be done by D. P. W. Officer and Taluk Amildar or Sheristadar together."

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

Subject No. 342.

Proper supervision of the appropriation of the annual allotments made for channel repairs.

Mr. A. Ramanna.

Summary of discussion.—Annual allotments are made for clearing silt and for carrying out annual repairs, etc., for each channel; and necessary arrangement is also made to supervise and to see to the right appropriation of the above allotments. But still there is a general complaint for water which recedes every year in the channels. This does not bear testimony to a correct state of things. It is therefore suggested that respectable land-holders having interest in the channels supplying water even to the tail end may be given a hand in the act of supervision or some other remedies made so as to render the large outlay on the annual repairs more useful to the land-holders.

Reply of Government.—What is possible is being done.

Subject No. 343.

Early classification of tanks.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar of Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Classification of tanks may be made early as promised in the reply to Subject No. 20 (5) of 1893.

Reply of Government.—What is suggested is not practicable.

Subject No. 344.

Maintenance of major and minor tanks Mr. Patel Basappa, Shimoga Tk., Mr. Desakulakarni Dasappa, Chennalingappa, Nelamangla Tk, Mr. C. N. Krishnappa, Taluk member, Hiriyur.

Summary of discussion.—The maintenance of the minor tanks may also be undertaken by the Government, half the cost being paid by the Government, the other half being recovered from the raiyats as a revenue demand.